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BOARD DISCUSSES BUDGET, LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education took action and heard presentations on a number of items.

The board approved the recommended budget priorities submitted by the Kentucky Department of Education. The department is planning and development of the 2010-2012 biennial budget.

The board accepted the guidelines for operations of advisory boards at the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) and Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and approved KSD Advisory Board appointments:

- Parents -- Christy Hensley, Garrard County; Lisa Zornoza, Franklin County
- Professionals -- Deborah Hayden, associate professor, Eastern Kentucky University
- Former Students -- Bobby Green, Jefferson County
- Kentucky Association for the Deaf Member -- Arlen Finke, Boyle County
- School District Representatives -- Jane Paynter, Boyle County; Deborah Spalding, Marion County
- At-Large Members -- Roger Coyer, Garrard County; Carolyn Gulley, Boyle County

The board took the following actions:

- denied the request for an alternative model of school-based decision making from Stamping Ground Elementary School in Scott County
- approved a district facility plan amendment for Madison County
- approved 2009-10 local district tax rates levied

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The board heard presentations on a variety of items:

- progress reports from the Christian County, Covington Independent, Jefferson County and Union County school districts
- the 2010-2012 biennial budget
- the board's legislative agenda
- release of data related to the Kentucky Core Content Test and the federal No Child Left Behind Act
- the regulation related to the interim school assessment process
- career and technical education
- the Principal Redesign Project
- end-of-course assessments
- the Individual Learning Plan
- the School District Watch List
- revisions to a regulation related to nutrition and health services
- an update from the Kentucky Center for School Safety

The board's next regular meeting will be December 9 and 10 in Frankfort.

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